

Attachment to Independent Case Review Report
For CDRU # 635 Case file # 95-283477.

Material Examiner: Malone (RO)

Remarks:

One materiality assessment was received for CDRU #634 (95-283469) and CDRU #635 (95-283477) as these two (2) cases were combined for trial. These cases should be reviewed together.

No transcript. Guilty plea.

INDEPENDENT CASE REVIEW REPORT

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Independent Review conducted by: Steve Robertson

Area(s) of Expertise: Hair and Fiber

Review commenced at: 11:15 AM (Time), 03/13/2001 (Date)

File #: 95-283477

Laboratory #(s): 80602055

Examiner(s) & Symbols

Table with 5 columns: Symbol, Reviewed, Not Reviewed, Reviewed, Not Reviewed. Row 1: RQ, X, empty, empty, empty.

Materials Reviewed

Trial testimony transcript(s) of:

Testimony Date(s): Pages:

Laboratory Report(s):

Laboratory Number: 80602055 Date: July 22, 1988

Examiner Bench Notes of: RQ

Laboratory Number: 80602055

Initials: SRR

Was any other material reviewed? Yes No

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If yes, please identify and/or describe the material: Submitting agency letter (dated 5-25-88)

Results of Review

File #: 95-283477 Item or Specimen # Reviewed: Q1 (also, K1, K2 from 80602056)

Review of Laboratory Report(s) and Bench Notes:

Note: Numbered comments are required below or on additional pages for any "No" or "Unable to Determine" Responses

- 1) Did the examiner perform the appropriate tests in a scientifically acceptable manner, based on the methods, protocols, and analytic techniques available at the time of the original examination(s)?
 Yes No Unable to Determine
- 2) Are the examination results set forth in the laboratory report(s) supported and adequately documented in the bench notes?
 Yes No Unable to Determine

Review of Testimony:

Note: Numbered comments are required below or on additional pages for any "No" or "Unable to Determine" Responses

Transcript not available.

- 3) Testimony consistent with the laboratory report(s)? Yes No Unable to Determine
- 4) Testimony consistent with the bench notes? Yes No Unable to Determine
- 5) Testimony within bounds of examiner's expertise? Yes No Unable to Determine

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Comments

(Set forth by above question #, if applicable.
Use "Additional Comments" Sheet, if needed)

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#1: With microscopic hair comparison, even with the best notes, there is no way to determine the comparison was performed correctly.

#2: The examination results set forth in the laboratory report are supported by the bench notes, but the documentation is marginally adequate. The notes are not dated or initialed and are in pencil. RQ uses abbreviations to indicate the microscopic characteristics of the hair. These abbreviations are difficult to interpret.

The hair match was apparently verified by a second examiner.

Review completed at: 11:30 AM (Time), 03/13/2001 (Date)

Total time spent conducting review (to nearest 1/4 hour): 0:15 hour

I hereby certify that I conducted this review in an independent, unbiased manner and that the results of my review are fully documented on this report consisting of a total of 3 pages.

Steve Roberts

(Signature)

03/13/2001

(Date)

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